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SUBJ: TANJUG BEIRUT ARTICLE AND OTHERS

REF BELGRADE 1601

1. IN ABSENCE SECINFO BUDIMOVSKI, WHO TIED UP WITH BRANDT VISIT, PAO SAW ASST. SECINFO CUDINA AND COUNSELOR BULATOVIC ON TANJUG ITEMS. CITED BEIRUT ARTICLE (BELGRADE 1601) ARTICLE RE TORTURE IN SAIGON PRISONS (BELGRADE 1618) AND TANJUG COVERAGE OF FRONT CHARGE ATTACKING VOA (BELGRADE 1097) AS EXAMPLES OF FEEDING OF SLANDEROUS AND INACCURATE MATERIAL TO YUGOSLAV MEDIA ON NATION- WIDE BASIS WHICH MOST DAMAGING TO YUGOSLAV IMAGE AND BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

2. RECALLED LAST CONVERSATION (BELGRADE 1574) AND PRESENTED FULL TEXTS OF NYT EDITORIAL AND READERS DIGEST ARTICLE, NOTING TANJUG TENDENCY TO EXCERPT ONLY NEGATIVE SECTORS FROM ARTICLES WHICH OFTEN PRIMARILY POSITIVE. SAID PLANNED TO MEET WITH DIPLOMATIC EDITOR TANJUG AS SOON AS HE AVAILABLE FOLLOWING BRANDT VISIT.

3. CUDINA STATED HE AWARE OF REPRESENTATIONS TO WASHINGTON EMBASSY RE BEIRUT ARTICLE. WELCOMED ANNOUNCED INTENT

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TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH TANJUG. SAID SECRETARIAT HAD OWN PROBLEMS WITH TANJUG, BUT IN INTEREST GOOD RELATIONSHIP WOULD ALSO DISCUSS ABOVE QUESTIONS WITH TANJUG EDITOR. CUDINA'S TONE CONCILIATORY AND HE REPEATED OBSERVATION THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAS NOTHING TO GAIN FROM DAMAGING OF GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH US.

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